



**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
INTRA-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**



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**FROM: CHIEF PETE N. KASSETAS  
DEPUTY SECRETARY - OPERATIONS**

**TO: ALL COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL**

**SUBJECT: DIRECTIVE 2015-08 IDLING OF ENGINES IN UNOCCUPIED UNITS**

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The purpose of this directive is to address the practice of leaving unoccupied units running or idling while officers are tending to matters such as administrative duties at the office, booking of prisoners, and in some cases, while at restaurants.

This unnecessary practice is hard on our vehicles, wastes fuel, can leave our vehicles and firearms vulnerable, and is not favorable toward public perception. It is understandable that in some circumstances it is necessary to keep a unit running. This may happen when the unit contains a K-9, emergency equipment is in use, and/or during *extreme* hot or cold weather for the purpose of controlling the temperature inside the unit.

Commanders will ensure this directive is communicated to everyone under their command, and will effectively address this issue. Please address any questions you may have, regarding this directive, to your immediate supervisor.

Your compliance with this directive is expected and appreciated.

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